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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Project title and number:	Range Manager (OPAS), Jos, Plateau State (NIR/75/042)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture, Plateau State
Date of approval:	March 1978
Starting date for project operations:	June 1977 (Under Preparatory Assistance)
Duration:	Three years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	$601 800 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	$177 300
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Livestock production represents a major national investment with important, economic, nutritional and social implications for the country. Supply is not equal to demand, however, and Nigeria depends partly on importation of meat and live animals. The Government is therefore taking measures to expand domestic production of beef.

2. Plateau State is most suitable for the establishment of cattle ranches because of the savannah terrain, the high altitude, the good climate, the presence of traditional cattle raisers and access to the Federal Department of Veterinary research centre near Jos. The Jos Cattle Ranch is the largest of three ranches to be established by the State Government. Since the State lacks the operational experience necessary to manage the ranch and range according to modern methods, UNDP has been requested to provide an operational ranch manager for three years while local staff are being trained.

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II. The project

3. The development objectives of the project are to increase and improve national livestock production and meet the increasing demand for beef. The immediate objectives are to: (a) manage the Jos Cattle Ranch for a three-year period; (b) train Plateau State staff to take over the management of the ranch; (c) establish an optimum herd in terms of both numbers and quality; (d) provide the Plateau State Ministry of Agriculture with data and feasibility studies on the technical, economic and financial aspects of establishing the Jos Cattle Ranch as a viable undertaking; (e) provide expertise and advice to the chief veterinary officer, Plateau State, and to the cattle ranches at Wase and Nasarawa; and (f) improve the supply of quality beef for the market.

4. UNDP will provide an operational ranch manager and training. The Government will establish a post for the expert and will provide counterpart staff, accommodation, equipment, animals and administrative support.

5. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

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Experts	36	152 200
Training		25 100
		177 300

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